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Regular monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM local time at Salem Presbyterian Church (corner Mozart & Higbee) behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle, in Westwood-Cheviot. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

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(kyoo fye ver) Q: A scale of amateur radio signal readability progressing from 1 (unreadable) to 5 (perfectly readable). "You're Q5" = "Your signal is perfectly readable." (ARRL Handbook, 52d ed. 1975)

## October 2008 Volume 48 Number 10

### From the President...

October is here... And that means ARRL night at the club meeting. Stop by for the latest news from the League and ask questions about the League to officials.

Our fall session of classes started September 11<sup>th</sup> and the students are doing well. Thanks to our teachers: Brian K4BRI & Fred K9OHE.

OH-KY-IN & QCEN will sponsor another 1 Day Technician Class in November so stay tuned for details.

Thanks to all of our past, current & future students for choosing us for your amateur radio education!

See you at the October club meeting!

73, Dale KC8HQS

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Paul KD8JDF has volunteered to be part of our **Nominating Committee** this year. I need 1 or 2 more volunteers to help Paul to determine our candidates for the 2009 Officers & Board of Directors. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at (513) 295-2592 or [kc8hqs@fuse.net].

Thanks & I hope to see you at the October club meeting (October 7th)!

73, Dale KC8HQS

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### Next meeting

The October Oh-Ky-In meeting is traditionally ARRL Night, and this year is no exception. SM Joe K8QOE, Gt Lks Div Director Jim K8JE and Gt Lks Div Legislative Action Chair John NB4K are all expected to tell us about what's doing in the League. This meeting will be on October 7 at 7:30 PM.

To get to the meeting from downtown Cincinnati, go northwest on Glenway Ave. to Boudinot Ave. (approximately 4 miles; at Walt Sweeney Ford on right). Turn slight right on to Boudinot. After approximately 1 1/2 miles turn left on to Mozart (before the White Castle). The church is on the right. Please come in under the stairs.

More info can be found at: <http://www.ohkyin.org>. Visitors always welcome!

73, Gary KB8MYC

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### Minutes for General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society, September 2, 2008

Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Guests present – 16 members attending.

New / Upgrades to license – Paul Jordan got his call, is now KD8JDF.

Proceeded to the self introductions

Health and Welfare - John Haungs W8STX (SK)'s widow Betty also passed.

Brag session - Dale KC8HQS told us that he recently purchased a FT900 (from Judd N8RVR)

The program, by Brian K4BRI, told about the MMR-40 QRP 40m radio kit.

10 minute Break

Dale KC8HQS thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table.

Motion was made to accept the printed minutes by Pete KC8BZM, seconded by Gerry KD8ASL – motion passed.

Membership - Nathan KA3MTT not present – currently at 101 members for 2008.

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK not present, financial reports passed around.

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Tech committee - Brian K4BRI talked about the last meeting at the 146.670 site – work continues.

Equipment manager – Brian KC8FJN said he is working on the sheet, it will be ready soon.

Education committee – Gary KB8MYC announced that classes start Sep 11, and the one-day tech class on Nov 8. Also Rick KD4PYR is teaching classes in Boone County, Wednesdays in October

Bruce N8BV reported that the Fundraising committee still has hats and shirts. Also that pop will be available at meetings from now on.

Bruce N8BV reported we would like another regular net control for tech talk – 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Liaisons - Pete KC8BZM, reported about WARN, ARPSC meetings – Picnic for ARPSC, and POD training in Oct.

Racers –Next race is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Old business -

Club picnic – it took place.

New business -

Nominating committee needs to be formed – Paul KD8JDF volunteered.

The random member drawing winner was Brian KC8FJN, who was present and received \$5.

Split the pot of \$13 was won by Mick KD8IOQ, manual from Nathan KA3MTT was won by Dale KC8HQS.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BR1*

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### **One-day class on next page**

JPG files don't alter easily. Since there's room, it's logical to say that this class will be at the Blue Ash office of the American Red Cross, 10870 Kenwood Road. Amateur radio license examinations will be given the following Saturday, November 15, at 12 noon at the Salem Presbyterian Church in Westwood. For yet more information, please call the phone number given.

# 1 Day AMATEUR RADIO CLASS

For Entry Level Technician License

**Saturday, November 8th**

**8am - 4pm**

IN

***BLUE ASH***

For more information:

**513-382-3979**

OR

**classes@ohkyin.org**

EXAM: NOVEMBER 15th at 12 NOON

in Western Hills

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Radio's Plus

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## **Clips from *DX News* for October 2008**

*(Nathan KA3MTT had some wind damage from Hurricane Ike's leftovers, then caught one of the bugs that are going around. Hope he gets well soon & can do next month's column.)*

**Info from *ARLD036, ARLD037, ARLD039, ARLD40***

NAMIBIA V5. Gus is QRV as V51XG and has been active on 80 meters around 2345z and then around 0145z, on 30 meters around 2100z. QSL via DL8AL.

THAILAND HS. Chai E20WXA has been QRV on 20 meters around 1300z.

FRANZ JOSEF ISLANDS, R1FJ. Jack is QRV as R1FJT and has been active on 40 meters around 0030z. QSL via UA4RC.

IRAN EP. Mohammed EP4MRG has been active on 20 meters around 0500 and then 1645z.

ASIATIC RUSSIA UA0. Serge UA9MC has been active on 30 meters around 0130z. QSL direct.

TANZANIA 5H. Arno DL1CW is QRV as 5H3AP. His length of stay is unknown. Activity of late (mid-Sept) has been on 30 and 17 meters using CW and RTTY. He will be active from Mafia Island, IOTA AF-054, from September 22 to October 1. QSL to home call.

KENYA 5Z. Valery RW1AU is QRV as 5Z4/RW1AU from Nairobi. His length of stay is unknown. Lately (mid-Sept) he has been active using SSB on 20 meters. QSL via K5XK.

PAKISTAN AP. Tariq AP2TN has been active on 30 meters around 1530z. QSL via DJ9ZB.

ANGOLA D2. Father Gabriele D2EB is back here and has been active using CW and SSB on all bands, including 6 meters, at various times. QSL via IZ3ETU.

BENIN TY. Romano TY5ZR has been active on 30 meters around 2200z. QSL via IK2IQD.

CANADA VE. Michael VE2XB/VY0 is QRV from Nunavut, Southampton Island, IOTA NA-007, until the end of 2008. QSL to home call.

MALDIVES 8Q. Mark M0DXR and Gemma 2E0WPX will be QRV as 8Q7XR from September 22 to October 5. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via M0DXR.

BOTSWANA A2. Sigi DL7DF, Manfred DK1BT, Wolfgang DL4WK, Andy DL5CW, Frank DL7UFR and Leszek SP3DOI will be QRV as A25/DL7DF from September 23 to October 6.

Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters, with two stations, using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK31. QSL via DL7DF.

MOROCCO CN. Gab, HA3JB will be QRV as CN2IPA from September 21 to October 5.

Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, RTTY, SSTV, PSK and some SSB. This includes an entry in the upcoming *CQ WW* RTTY contest. QSL to home call.

MOLDOVA ER. Special event station ER600B is QRV until October 8 to celebrate the 600th anniversary of the city of Bendery. QSL direct via RW6HS.

MARTINIQUE FM. Freddy F5IRO is QRV as FM/homecall until February 2009. Activity is on 40, 30 and 20 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes in his spare time and on weekends after 2200z. QSL to home call.

HONG KONG VR. Vincent F4BKV is QRV as VR2/homecall until September 2009. He is active using mostly PSK31 with some SSB on various HF bands. QSL via operator's instructions.

CRETE SV9. Uli DJ9XB is QRV as J49XB until October 4. He may be an entry in the *CQ* WW RTTY contest. He may also be active on 160 meters. QSL to home call.

WEST KIRIBATI T30. Toshi JA8BMK is QRV as T30XX from Tarawa for about ten days (from Sept 25). Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL direct to home call.

CANADA VE. All Canadian amateurs are encouraged to participate in the upcoming Special Event Prefixes from October 1 to November 30 to commemorate the founding of the Crown Colony of British Columbia in 1858. They will use the prefixes CJ, CK, CY and CZ.

HONG KONG VR. Antonio VR2PW is generally QRV from Lantau Island, IOTA AS-006, on 20 meters SSB just after 1030z. QSL to home call.

**Sorry, no newly-approved DXCC entities this time!**

## Contests

**October 2008**

4-5 YLRL Anniversary Party, CW; PSK Rumble-The Fall Classic, PSK; Oceania DX Contest, SSB; EU Autumn Sprint, SSB; CA QSO Party, SSB & CW; RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB & CW

8 Fall VHF Sprint, 432 MHz all mode

10-12 10-10 Sprint, all mode; YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB; Oceania DX Contest, CW; Worked All Britain contest, SSB; EU Autumn Sprint, CW; PA QSO Party, all modes; FISTS Fall Sprint, CW; NA RTTY Sprint; SKCC Weekend Sprint, CW; Classic Exchange, CW

18-19 Great Pumpkin Sprint, digital; JARTS WW RTTY Contest; QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party, CW; ARRL EME Contest; Stew Perry Warm-up Contest, CW 160m of course!; Worked All Germany Contest, SSB & CW; W/VE Islands QSO Party, all modes; Feld-Hell Spooky Sprint, Digital modes; Fall VHF Sprints, all modes; IL QSO Party, SSB & CW; Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW

20-24 School Club Roundup, all modes

25-26 *CQ* WW SSB Contest; 10-10 Fall CW QSO Party; 10-10 Fall Digital QSO Party; Fall VHF Sprints, all modes

Wow, tons of October Contests. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan K744U*

For the September 13 **fox hunt** Dick WB4SUV and Janie hid at Embshoff Woods in Delhi. The hounds which were Bob WA6EZV and Brian K4BRI had to find one high power transmitter and four low power transmitters. Afterwards they had to find five ARDF transmitters. Brian K4BRI came in first.  
73, Dick WB4SUV

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### **15<sup>th</sup> Severson award winner is Nancy Rabel Hall KC4IYD; newsletter winners also listed**

A rocket scientist who has distinguished herself nationally raising the awareness of women in ham radio is the 15th recipient of the Allan Severson AB8P (SK), memorial award. The announcement came during the OH Section Conference on Sept 13 at the State Fire Academy east of Reynoldsburg.

Nancy Rabel Hall KC4IYD of North Ridgeville, Ohio, has "an ever present enthusiasm which reflects the spirit of the late Al Severson" declared Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE. as he presented her with the certificate during the conference. She was also introduced by long-time Buckeye Belles official Carol Schmitkons KI8IM, who gave a short biography of the winner.

The Severson award is the highest honor of the Ohio Section of the ARRL. It annually goes to the Ohio Section ham who exemplifies the spirit of the late Division Director who - as it is printed on the certificate - whose devotion to serve amateur radio inspired a whole generation of Ohio Section leadership. For a photo of Nancy and for a complete list of former Severson winners, see The Ohio Section on the web at [www.arrl.ohio.org](http://www.arrl.ohio.org).

*News Unwired*, published in Georgetown OH for the Grant Radio Club, won this year's newsletter contest. Editor John Harrell KD8DFV took over from Carolyn Donner N8ST, the previous editor, and said this was his first publication. Not bad a-tall for a rookie! *News Unwired* scored 79 points.

*Feedback*, produced by Gary Kline WC8W for the Massillon ARC, took second place with 78 points. Massillon and Oh-Ky-In exchange newsletters; in fact, the complete list of newsletter awards came from the Oct *Feedback*.

*The Cleveland Chapter One Newsletter*, edited by D.E. Logan W1HEO for Cleveland Chapter One QCWA, seized third with 76 points.

In a 3-way tie for Honourable Mention with 75 points each were Dayton ARA's *RF Carrier* with Jerry Miller WD8QAI in the editor's chair; Portage Co ARS's *Radiogram*, edited by Tom Parkinson KB8UUZ; and *Watts Happenin'* from Wayne ARC, editor Russell McQuate K8MRC. **Close** contest, or what???

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### **Ohio section news for October**

By Affiliated Clubs Coordinator Joanne Solak KJ30

The Fall Season has arrived. School is back in session. Time for all the Fall Club events. Larry and I have been invited to some corn roasts, some picnics and parties plus many festivals. It is that time of year. The temperatures are cooler and the leaves will soon start to fall. It is hard to believe we will soon be planning for the Holiday Season once more. When we see such beautiful weather now it is hard to believe just a few days ago we lived through such a storm as Ike, leaving his footprints all over the Ohio Section. In our area we had very high, destroying winds. Trees down, roads closed, accidents, homes destroyed and many without electric.

Every day I hear of someone who has suffered some kind of damage from the wind of the huge hurricane Ike. Good ARES training certainly has shown itself all over the Section. One never knows when disaster training will be needed.

We were without electric for almost a week. One sure misses the conveniences when you do not have them available. Needless to say the ones I missed most without electric was water. We have a battery operated radio and we have a generator (s) . It takes a high-powered generator to turn on a well pump and run machinery in an automotive machine shop. Sooooo we shared the generator. In the daytime it was at the shop and



in the evening it was at the house. As most of you know, I manage a "bird rescue" aviary here at the house and needless to say I missed the water and lights. My birds just did not understand what was happening nor did the other animals who reside with us. But we all survived and now it is time to play "catch-up." Without power I had no way to check my e-mails. So please realize I will answer your e-mail as soon as I can.

Sorry I did not attend the Section Conference. There is just so much happening in our part of the Section in September, it would take a change of month for the conference date to allow us to attend

I understand that a great time was had by all attending the Ohio Section Conference.

The Grant Radio Club of Georgetown won the 17th Ohio Ham Radio Newsletter Contest.( They were 2nd in 2007)

2d place went to *Feedback* of the Massillon ARC, Massillon.

3d place went to *Cleveland Chapter One NL*, Cleveland Chapter One QCWA.

Several Newsletters won honorable mention

And I am proud to say Nancy Rabel Hall KC4IYD, North Ridgeville, is the 15<sup>th</sup> Al Severson AB8P (SK)

Award winner. This award is the highest honor of the Ohio Section ARRL. It is annually presented to an Ohio Section Ham who exemplifies the spirit of the late Division Director. Nancy is the current President of the Buckeye Belles and Receiving Treasurer of the YLRL.

Check out the press release at <http://www.arrloho.org/>

The Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service has had a really busy summer. Now the Fall season is on their schedule with OSU football and the Sweetcorn Festival ahead.

The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society held their NOARS Family Picnic August 18<sup>th</sup> and a good time was had by all those in attendance.

The Mt. Vernon ARC was scheduled to assist with the Boy Scout Merit Badge Challenge to be held at the Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation near Coshocton. AND the big news is the Mt Vernon Amateur Radio Club will celebrate 50 years affiliation with the ARRL. A picnic and a Special Event Station was planned for September 27<sup>th</sup>. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 50 YEARS OF ARRL AFFILIATION!

The 20/9 ARC members are sponsoring Amateur Radio Classes, held a corn roast, will be at the Canfield Fair with their club trailer and special events station, the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club members are getting ready for their Hamfest October 26<sup>th</sup>. Their members are getting ready for the Safety Break they hold once a year.

Some reminders now. FILE your annual report form. If you are a SSC make sure you have renewed your status. Pay your ARRL dues promptly. If you are not a member of the ARRL, see your Club treasurer and JOIN now.

Support your local ARES group. Support your local amateur radio club. Volunteer, Volunteer! Keep the e-mails coming, send me your Newsletters.

AND remember sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU! Until then, Best

73, *Joanne Solak KJ30*, ACC OHIO

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#### OHIO SECTION CABINET LISTING:

SM: Joe Phillips K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see **QST** page 16 or on the Web at [www.arrloho.org](http://www.arrloho.org)); ASM-NE: Bob Winston W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: Dave Coons WT8W, New Carlisle; ASM-SE: Connie Hamilton N8IO, Marietta; SEC: Jack Sovik KB8WPZ, Austintown; ACC: Joanne Solak KJ30, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Emily Wells KC8RAL, Warren; OOC: Rick Swain KK8O, Galion; SGL: Nick Pittner WB8TMF, West Jefferson; STM: John Tipka W8UL, Reynoldsburg.

Oct 5 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Bedford IN Hamfest at Lawrence Co 4H Fairgrounds, US 50 W, sponsored by Hoosier Hills Ham Club. Set-up Saturday 12N-9 PM, public 6 AM-2 PM Sunday. Vendors, VE sessions (register at 11 AM, exams at 12N), free chili & hot dog supper 6 PM Saturday, free parking. Rand prize drawing 2 PM. Talk-in: 146.73 (107.2 Hz). \$8, under 12 free. Info: Keith Harris N9KH [n9kh@comcast.net], [www.hoosierhillshamfest.org](http://www.hoosierhillshamfest.org)

Oct 11 Crown Point In Hamfest at Lake Co Fairgrounds, Industrial Arts Bldg, 889 S Court St., sponsored by Lake Co ARC. 8 AM-1 PM. All indoors. Walk-in VE sessions, 9 AM to close. Talk-in: 147.0 (131.8 Hz). \$5. Info: Rich Gilles KA9SVS, [paris156@yahoo.com], [www.qsl.net/w9lj](http://www.qsl.net/w9lj)

Oct 26 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Massillon OH Hamfest at Massillon Boys & Girls Club Complex, 730 Duncan St SW, sponsored by Massillon ARC. Set-up 6 AM, public 8 AM-2 PM. Auction 9-11:30 AM, VE sessions at 9 AM (register from 8 AM), handicapped accessible. Talk-in: 147.18 (110.9 Hz). \$5. Info: Terry Russ N8ATZ, 330=837-3091, [www.marcradio.org](http://www.marcradio.org) (scroll down to see text & graphics, past dark bar at left of screen)

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Boone County Community Education with Boone County Parks and the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society present entry level, **Technician class amateur radio classes in Burlington, Kentucky**. Classes will be held the first 4 Wednesdays in October with an exam session to be held the 5th Wednesday, October 29th at the same location, which is the old Parks Office behind the County Administration Bldg, on Gallatin St. in Burlington. **As of Sunday night, Sept 28, only 5 vacancies remained.**

For more information, call between 8 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday, at 859=334-2117. Or, to register, go to: [http://www.boone.kyschools.us/community\\_education/index.htm](http://www.boone.kyschools.us/community_education/index.htm)

Please act quickly, time is running out ... **the first class is this Wednesday, October 1!**

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#### ==> ARRL presents new membership benefit

With just a mouse click or two, ARRL members can now access the online *QST* magazine archive <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/qqsearch.html>.

This new benefit -- a service of the ARRL Technical Information Service (TIS) <http://www.arrl.org/tis/> -- provides PDF copies of all *QST* articles from December 1915 through December 2004, enabling members to view and print their favorite article, project and more. For many years, the TIS has provided members with assistance researching ARRL periodicals and publications, as well as providing members and non-members with article reprints for a small fee. Access to the new online digital *QST* archive is free for ARRL members, and is for their personal use only -- material in the archive may not be freely distributed or copied.

"Having access to every issue of *QST* through 2004 is absolutely incredible!" said ARRL Lab Manager Ed Hare W1RFI. "The best of the best of *QST* from every era is now at the fingertips of every ARRL member with a keyboard and an Internet connection. Members can research articles on any subject that interests them, or just browse the past issues. This will be a popular membership benefit that will be of special value to new and long-time hams alike. This valuable content will help radio amateurs who use *QST* as a technical resource -- for projects, equipment 'hints and kinks' -- and for other research contributing to the advancement of the radio art. We know many hams will simply enjoy perusing these pages of history, too." The ARRL Periodicals Archive and Search lists every article for *QST* from 1915 to the present, *QEX* from

1981 to the present, *Ham Radio* from 1968 to 1990 and *NCJ* from 1973 to the present (please note that beginning in 1998, each issue of *QEX* covers two months). Only ARRL members will be able to download and print copies of the *QST* articles.

*QST* magazine is the official journal of ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. An interest in Amateur Radio is the only essential qualification of membership. ARRL membership is \$39 per year in the US. For a complete list of membership benefits and dues, please visit the ARRL Membership Web page <http://www.arrl.org/join>.

-- *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 27 Nr 36, Sep 12 08

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### **VE exam opportunities**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat each month:** Cincinnati-Hartwell, sponsored by GCARA, at Hartwell Presbyterian Church.

Register 8:30 AM; walk-ins only! All licence classes. Info: Dale Pritchett KC8HJL, 513=769-0789.

**2d Mon each month:** Edgewood KY, sponsored by NKARA, at Turkeyfoot Middle School, 3230 Turkeyfoot Rd. Register 6 PM. Follow the signs. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins accepted. Info: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH, 513=315-4032. Talk-in 147.255.

**In all cases** exams require 2 IDs (preferably one with photo). Bring original as well as photocopy of current licence, any CSCE, pen or pencil. Current exam fee is \$14.

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### ***Messages from candidates for ARRL Great Lakes Division Vice Director (3)***

#### **Leadership. Leadership that listens. Leadership that cares.**

I love amateur radio, and I believe amateur radio deserves quality leadership.

Amateur radio is a true passion for us all. There is no other hobby quite like it, and there are no friendships like ham radio friendships.

I have been licensed since 1973, devoting most of my efforts to public service: providing communications support in several disasters over the years, including tornados, floods, hurricane Marilyn in the Virgin Islands, and with the FBI and NDMS during the 1996 Atlanta Olympic bombing - [www.nku.edu/~johnston/atlanta.html](http://www.nku.edu/~johnston/atlanta.html). I have worked as an EC, then DEC, then Assistant Director to 5 Directors before being elected Vice Director and serving as Director and then as Vice Director again.

I have chaired three financially solvent Great Lakes Division Conventions (2003, 2005 and 2007), created the Division Awards program, served as Division webmaster, served on the League's national Volunteer Resource Committee and Public Relations Committee, and chaired the ARRL Historical Committee. I have received EC-1 certification. I've traveled from Sault Ste. Marie and Lupton, Michigan to Murray and Louisa, Kentucky, and throughout Ohio promoting amateur radio.

I pledge to work to improve communication between your League and you, improve spectrum protection advocacy, actively promote recruiting future hams, and bring YOUR concerns before the League's leadership.

I enjoy working CW and DX as well as APRS and high speed multimedia. I've traveled the world with my FM rig, receiving reciprocal licenses from Austria to Australia.

In 1997 I was voted NKARC Ham of the Year for my efforts in helping the club to secure a grant and repeater site on an AT&T cellular tower.

Professionally, I'm a university professor and computer consultant. In my community I serve as President of the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Northern Kentucky, and on many committees, including the NKU Dean of Informatics Advisory Council.

I am fully prepared to continue serving as your Vice Director and would be honored to again receive your vote.

73 de *Gary Johnston K94LA*

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### **Fellow Hams:**

Amateur radio is a great hobby and a real public service. Amateur radio has given me a lot, and I have tried to give back to this great institution:

- \* I have served as the Michigan Section Affiliated Club Coordinator for the past four years.

- \* I have served as president, and currently am on the board of directors for ARROW, our amateur radio club in Ann Arbor, MI.

- \* I teach both Technician and General Class license courses. In addition to teaching, I've written study guides that have helped many pass the Technician and General Class written exams. These study guides are available for free on my website.

- \* I helped organize and have participated in "Radio Merit Badge Day," an event jointly sponsored by our club and the local Boy Scout council. Over the past two years, nearly 300 Boy Scouts have earned their radio merit badges at these events.

- \* I am spearheading a project called Ham Radio at the Hands-On Museum. The goal of this project is to set up a permanent amateur radio station at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. This station will be in operation by the end of October 2008.

If you vote for me for Great Lakes Division Vice Director, I'll use the experience that I've gained with these activities to help even more people obtain their licenses, make amateur radio more enjoyable for those of us already licensed, and work to ensure that amateur radio continues to serve the public interest. Here are some of the things I will work on as your Vice Director:

- \* Increase ARRL membership. Currently, less than 25% of all licensed amateurs are ARRL members. If the ARRL wants to truly call itself the "National Association for Amateur Radio," that number must be higher. Let's set a goal of 30% or more and devise plans to get us there.

- \* Get hams more involved. We need to find a way to get hams more involved, both with the hobby in general and with the ARRL in particular. Hams who are not active and committed do not write letters to their congressmen, do not participate in emergency communications and public service activities, and do not see any reason to belong to the ARRL. An active, committed membership is key if we are to reach the goals we have set for ourselves.

- \* Support clubs and educators. Clubs are often the first point of contact that people have with ham radio, and successful, thriving clubs will encourage more people to become active amateur radio operators. We need to improve the Affiliated Clubs program so that there's more incentive to become an affiliated club and provide more support to those currently teaching ham radio classes or who want to teach ham radio classes.

- \* Act in accordance with all five "purposes" of amateur radio. Part 97 spells out five different purposes for the existence of the Amateur Radio Service. These include "advancing the state of the radio art" and "enhancing international goodwill." I would like to see the ARRL devote more time and energy to these endeavors. This is another reason to get more hams involved. These are not small undertakings and we'll need every ham we can get, first to define programs and then to execute them.

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail [kb6nu@arrl.net] or by phone (734=662-1004) about any of these issues or issues that you think need addressing.

Thanks for your time. I appreciate your vote.

73, *Dan Romanchik, KB6NU*

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My name is John D. Meyers NB4K. I am 61 years old and a graduate of Princeton High School (1966) in Sharonville, Ohio. I'm married to Shirley A. (Oaks) Meyers with three children, two girls and a boy (who is in the United States Air Force and stationed in Tucson, AZ), four grandsons and one great granddaughter

and one great grandson. Shirley and I live in Pendleton County with a Butler, Kentucky address. I am retired and enjoy my hobbies and my church (Grassy Creek Christian). We like to travel in our motor home and over the last 30 years we have been in 40 of the 48 contiguous states.

Here are some of my qualifications for this position. I have been an Amateur since 06-81 as a Novice KA4UZN, Technician in 02-82 N4GNL, General in 04-87 N4GNL, Advance 01-89 N4GNL and Extra 03-2001 NB4K. I have been a League member since 1983. In 1981 I accepted the position of Emergency Coordinator of Kenton County Kentucky. Although not a League member I remained in this position for two years, then assumed the duties of District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) as a League member and after 27 years I retired on December 31, 2007.

As a DEC I played a very large part in helping the Northern Kentucky Amateur Radio Club ( NKARC) (which I was President three different times) receive over \$125,000 worth of amateur equipment and a heated/air-conditioned hut from AT&T for use in emergency related incidents and regular amateur communications. Before retiring as DEC I managed the Kentucky District 7 Amateur Radio Emergency Team (KD7ARET) amateurs to new levels in the nine counties we served. With the county, hospital or the ham organization support there were 2 meter/440 radios, antennas, power supplies and coax installed in each of the 9 EOCs, District office and 2 hospitals. Three of the EOCs have complete HF stations also. Forty-six members of KD7ARET have been certified in IS-100, IS-200, IS 300, IS-400, IS-700 and IS-800. Over thirty were trained in damage assessment and the same amount in basic first-aid. Many other forms of training and educations were afforded these 88 members. I have never asked any member to do something that I haven't already done or completed. I have completed sixty-one FEMA EMI courses.

I served as Kentucky (KY) Section Manager (SM) for 3 consecutive terms from 2001 thru 2007. Kentucky being the smallest of the three Sections in the Great Lakes Division was a real task at hand. I enjoyed every year I had the position as each and every member of the Kentucky Section made it a delight to have the position. As KY SM I meet or talked to: two different Governors (Patton and Fletcher), Representative Rocky Adkins, Tom McKee, Alecia Webb-Edgington, Arnold Simpson, Thomas Kerr and Senator Katie Stine. I have either talked about amateur radio or the lives of an amateur to each of the individuals. As SM I worked with the Ky League of Cities to secure the fact that PRB-1 is not an issue in Kentucky. Over the years there became a poor turnout for NTS in KY on the phone bands so, I had all NTS traffic moved to the CW nets and any emergency traffic taken to the Kentucky Emergency Net, which worked really well as NTS is alive and well in KY. Now this won't work in every Section but it worked in Kentucky. No way would I advocate this for every Section, it just was the cure at the time for Kentucky. When assuming the duties of SM there were 11 clubs and 4 SSC clubs. When I left office there were 33 clubs and 11 SSC clubs. As SM I visited each and every club in KY at least once and some two and three times as requested. Since the first of this year I have volunteered with the Pendleton County Emergency Management as a Special Projects Officer in cooperating amateur radio. In April I was appointed to Chair the Great Lakes Division Legislative Action. As a team all of us the Legislative Action Coordinators of each section their group of Legislative Action Assistants and the members of the section can and will make a difference in Washington. Now, I want to serve the Great Lakes Division in the same manner as I did as a DEC, SM and DLAC asking that you vote for me this October to make this come true. My door, phone and e-mail will be open to each of you if you have any questions or comments. I look forward to meeting and seeing each and everyone one of you.

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Sincerely, *John D. Meyers NB4K*, 218 Cory Lane, Butler, Kentucky 41006 Home: 859.472.6690  
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## ARRL ballots expected within the next couple of weeks

### What's coming in October 2008

- Wed Oct 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQ5, 146.925
- Thu Oct 2 7:00 PM Amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Fri Oct 3 8:00 PM Hamilton Co Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps at Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot
- Tue Oct 7 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle  
Program: ARRL Night with ARRL Gt Lks Div Dir Jim K8JE, Gt Lks Div Legislative Action Chair John NB4K & OH SM Joe K8QOE
- Wed Oct 8 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925  
Yom Kippur begins at sunset
- Thu Oct 9 7:00 PM Amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Sat Oct 11 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67
- Mon Oct 13 Columbus Day observed
- Tue Oct 14 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting, if needed, location TBA
- Wed Oct 15 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925
- Thu Oct 16 7:00 PM Amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Fri Oct 17 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St downtown
- Wed Oct 22 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925
- Thu Oct 23 7:00 PM Amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Tue Oct 28 7:30 PM Board of Directors' Meeting, location varies
- Wed Oct 29 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS to be announced, 146.925
- Thu Oct 30 7:00 PM Amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Fri Oct 31 Halloween
- Tue Nov 3 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle  
Program: Still to be determined

